

isolated disclosures in the prior art to deprecate the claimed invention.” *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 1075 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

The present obviousness rejection is, therefore, not appropriate under the current United States patent laws. Accordingly, Applicants request that the obviousness rejection over the cited references be withdrawn.

D. Conclusion

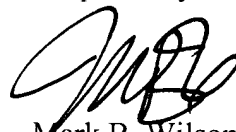
Applicants believe that the present document is a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003. In conclusion, Applicants submit that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

III. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including October 10, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity status. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:059US.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (512) 536-3035 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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